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Curtaintimers in Final Rehearsals for Spring Comedy; Tickets Priced at \$1.00 for Performances May 19, 20

Teaching Is Living Relationship, Says Faculty Member

By Henry Kamin

(This is the third in a series of four "personal philosophy" articles by teachers. Mr. Kamin is a member of the Biology Department.)

Occasionally I meet on the streets of Bay Ridge, where I live, a former pupil of mine, out of school for two or three years, who, after the usual amenities, says brightly: "Are you still teaching?" And sometimes, "How can you stand doing the same thing, every day, every year?"



Mr. Kamin

Of course, in a casual meeting, all I can do is reply politely, "Yes, I am" and "Oh, I don't mind."

What I should really like to say, however, is something like this: "Of course I am still teaching. Would you ask your doctor if he is still doctoring or your accountant if he is still keeping books?" Teaching is a profession, requiring, like law, medicine or the ministry, a "vocation" or "call"—that is, a feeling that this is the career for which your temperament and personality are shaped, and that none other will offer an equally satisfactory life.

Long Preparation and Training

Like the other professions, teaching requires the postponement of earning power during a large period of preparation and training. For me, it was a major in English and biology and minors in psychology and education during the four year liberal arts course, followed by two years of graduate study in psychology.

During those six years, I also explored many by-ways of culture, including Chinese art, Celtic myth, phil-

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Arista Society Elects Officers

Michael Wortman, 3B8, was elected new Boy Leader at the annual Arista elections in March. He will succeed Stephen Kaufman, 4B10.

Iris Orenstein of 3B18 will succeed Rosalie Corlito, 4B14, as Girl Leader. Also elected were Carol Mendizza, 3B12, secretary, and Deeb Salem, 3B16, treasurer. They will succeed the present secretary, Dimi Stevenson, 4A7, and treasurer, James Thompson, 4A3.

Faculty adviser Mrs. Mary Catania said, "I know that they will make very fine officers."

A junior or senior may qualify for Arista if he has an 85% average and one year of cafeteria service. Membership is limited to 4% of the student body.

Actors Get Ready for 'Charley's Aunt'



Bill Butts

Left: Christopher Mante examines a "flower" while Arthur Dolan and Nancy Freitas look on. Center: Jocelyn Franz and June Gaudio glance over a script held by Nancy. Right: Arthur shies away from Steve Kaufman's wrath.

Sophomore Wins Cartoon Contest

The cartoon on page 2 of this issue is the work of Mario Buongiovanni, 2A15, winner of a contest held in Major Art classes 1A4 and 1A5. Runners-up were Linda Lauenstein, 2C18, and Janet Krombar, 2C22.

The cartoons were drawn to feature the forthcoming varsity show, *Charley's Aunt*.

Said Miss Anna C. Dick, Art Department chairman, "The contest was a very interesting project and reflected potential cartooning ability among the participating students. Many good cartoons were submitted, but all students have to improve the quality of their drawings."

Miss Dick hopes that other students will show an interest in cartooning. Those who would like to submit cartoons on phases of school life should communicate after school with Miss Dick in the art office, room 320, or with Mr. Solovay in the Pilot office, room 362.

Anchor, Pilot Win CSP A Awards

The *Anchor* and *Pilot* have recently won First Place Awards in the nation-wide Columbia Scholastic Press Association Contest.

The *Anchor*, Hamilton's literary magazine, achieved this honor for the second consecutive year.

Editor-in-chief of last year's *Anchor* was Phyllis Johnson, under the supervision of adviser Miss Helen P. Gerlach, a member of the English Department. Present editors-in-chief are Glenn Collins and Margaret Ekstrom.

This is the thirteenth time that the *Pilot* has won a First Place Award in the Columbia contest, and the sixth in a row.

Editors-in-chief last year were Pamela Gersten and Jacquelyn Appel. The corresponding positions are now held by Vicki Halper (news) and Jane Appel (makeup). Mr. Jacob C. Solovay is adviser.

Local Businessman Addresses DECA

Mr. Eugene Birnbaum, owner and manager of several Bay Ridge stores, recently addressed Fort Hamilton's chapter of DECA, the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

He discussed the intricacies of employer and employee relationships and itemized those qualities which employers find most desirable when interviewing job candidates.

For the past two years the Fort Hamilton DECA branch has placed first in the city-wide merchandising contests, and Mr. Alfred Berkowitz, faculty adviser, hopes for a repeat performance this month.

"The purpose of the club," Mr. Berkowitz explained, "is to train students interested in merchandising and sales careers."

Officers of the club are: president, Carol Hill; first vice-president, Mae Ann Morales; second vice-president, Harold Allis; treasurer, John Moore; and secretary, Ellen McAndrews.

Has anyone seen Charley's aunt? She's 6'4" tall, looks somewhat like senior Christopher Mante, and is the title character in this year's spring play.

Charley's Aunt, under the direction of Miss Peggy Moran, will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings, May 19 and 20, at 8:30 P.M., in the school auditorium. Frequenters of Curtaintimer rehearsals prophesy a smash hit.

Cast Hard at Work

The cast has been rehearsing three times a week, sometimes until 10 P.M., in order to bring the student body a wonderful production of what they term "a very funny play." As curtain time draws near, the cast is working more diligently than ever.

Charley's Aunt is the story of two young men in search of a chaperone for a meeting with their girls. Charley Wykeham (Richard Davis) volunteers his aunt, only to find at the last moment that she cannot come. This, however, leaves the boys more determined than ever.

They decide to ask a friend (Christopher Mante) to substitute for Charley's aunt.

A Hilarious Play

If this seems to you to be the perfect formula for a hilarious play, you can imagine how hysteria mounts

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Juniors Campaign For G.O. Offices

The official G.O. campaign, under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Kottmann and Mr. Eugene Sterne, began two weeks ago and is now in full swing.

Candidates for the various offices are as follows: president—Louis Di Mauro, 3A1; Gordon Reinertsen, 3A1; and Fred Bold, 3B18.

Vice-president — Judith Solomon, 3B2, and Patricia Sinnott, 3B12. Secretary — Kathleen Gilje, 3A9, and Christine Wolff, 3A13.

For the position of treasurer, Benjamin Heffer, 3A7, will compete with Michael Kerrigone, 3B8.

Candidates have already delivered their speeches at the May 3 and 10 assemblies, and will repeat them at the assemblies of May 17 and 24. Voting will take place Friday, May 26.

Vicki Halper In Poetry Contest

Vicki Halper, 3B10, represented Fort Hamilton in a city-wide poetry contest Tuesday, May 2, at Washington Irving High School.

Vicki's poem, "Please Don't Eat the Daisy," was selected by a group of Fort Hamilton faculty judges as the best of the entries from the junior and senior honor English classes.

This talented junior attended a meeting of all the students whose poems had been submitted. Mark Van Doren, former professor at Columbia University, was guest speaker.

Principal Urges Parents to Note Cautions on Telephoning School

Dear Parents:

I hope we may count on your full co-operation in coping with the difficult problem of preventing traffic jams on our telephone switchboard. If the time ever comes when you must reach us in a real emergency, you will appreciate being able to get through to us without endless busy signals. At present, I regret to say that our switchboard is grossly overloaded at certain times of the day.

So that you may understand the reason for several of the injunctions that follow, I shall explain in some detail, although a full explanation would be too lengthy to include. Please remember that our over-all purpose is to serve your children better.

Avoid Unnecessary Calls

1. Parents should not phone the school to say that a pupil will be absent. These calls invariably come in the morning when we are trying feverishly to get calls from absent teachers and to make calls to substitute teachers. Moreover, it is quite impossible for the telephone operator to convey these messages to the official teachers, so that the call is practically wasted. In addition, every child is required to bring a written note of excuse upon returning to school, so that no real purpose is served by the call. Finally, it is quite easy for impostors to make such calls.

2. Appointments with grade advisers, teachers, and chairmen must be made by note, preferably delivered

by pupils. As teachers can not come to the phone when you call, and as the switchboard operator is obviously unable to make appointments for teachers, it is clear that the phone is useless for this purpose.

No Telephone Conferences

3. The phone should not be used for conferences with teachers, advisers, etc., as these are necessarily much too long to pre-empt the telephone.

4. We can not undertake to transmit messages to pupils. With 3500 pupils who may be in classrooms, gymnasiums, locker rooms, lunch rooms, lavatories, infirmary, library, offices, or absent, the reason should

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The Editors Say...

All Out For Charley!

Every year the Curtaintimers concentrate their efforts on the production of an outstanding play. All their past performances have been memorable occasions; the actors have been roundly applauded and the plays rated enthusiastic successes.

This year there has been even more intensified work by a very talented cast. The director, Miss Peggy Moran, has worked long and diligently, sparing neither herself nor her cast to achieve her goal, the production of one of the best plays in the Hamilton tradition.

If the bustle of activity at the rehearsals and the hours devoted to them are any indications of what we are to receive, then surely the Curtaintimers have come up with a tremendous hit.

The play, of course, is *Charley's Aunt*. It is a hilarious comedy and has just the right touch of lightness for this time of year when most of us are burdened by examinations of all kinds.

The sets have been designed by Mr. Carl Makower of the Art Department and constructed by Mr. John Matheson and Mr. Earl Jung. Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Art Department, has supervised the creation of the program.

Two evening performances are scheduled, one for Friday, May 19, the other for the following evening. Tickets are reasonably priced and all seats are good.

This is a must in your busy spring schedule. Come and see the funniest play of the year. Be on hand to tell the cast, with your applause, that it is truly a superior production. We have no doubt that it will be.

Strictly For the Birds

Spring bird-watchers have been searching in vain for a rare species of good-weather flyer. The odd bird that they are looking for is the *studious-intelligentus*, commonly known as the *smartus-birdus*.

This bird is characterized by its ability to withstand the temptations of spring fever. After a hard winter, it is not only rejuvenated by warm weather, but seems to gain an extra burst of energy from the sun.

During their search bird-watchers have reported the usual flocks of *forgettius-workium* bird (or lark) and the *springius-lazium* bird (or cuckoo). Along with these are the new groups of *fashionis-mindum* bird—a colorful species characterized by extreme amounts of head plumage and a sort of staggering walk.

We are again reminded of the hazards of forcing the *smartus-birdus* into extinction. Zoologists emphasize the fact that the breed may be increased by all those who remember that "*springium-feverium* is no excuse for stoppis-workis."

It's a Fact

By Seth Charney

Fort Hamilton High School has ten athletic teams: baseball, golf, tennis, soccer, handball, cross-country, bowling, rifle, indoor track, outdoor track.

There are three Brooklyns in the United States—Brooklyn, Illinois (population 2,568); Brooklyn, Ohio (population 6,317); and, of course, Brooklyn, New York (population 2,738,175).

Our library currently has a display commemorating the Centennial of the Civil War. Included in the exhibit is the two-volume *The Soldier in Our Civil War* (1887), lent to Miss Frances Hennessy by Franklin M. Souls, whose two sons, Edward and George, are graduates of this school. The books include a print of Fort Lafayette.

Also on display is a collection of Confederate currency lent to the library by a student Civil War enthusiast.

In 1840 Captain Robert E. Lee was in charge of building Fort Lafayette. In an odd quirk of history, General Robert E. Lee's son was captured by Union troops and was imprisoned in Fort Lafayette, the creation of his father.

The Minutemen Club will hold its annual spring bus trip to Hyde Park, Bear Mountain, and West Point this Saturday.

52% of Fort Hamilton graduates go on to college, in comparison with the 39% national average.

Adviser of Curtaintimers Can Sing, Act and Dance

By Don Pfister

An attractive and colorful teacher, who likes theatre well enough not only to participate in it but also to coach dramatically-minded high school students, became a member of the English Department last September.

She is Miss Peggy Moran, speech teacher and faculty adviser of the famous Curtaintimers, Hamilton's distinguished dramatic society.

Miss Moran came to New York City after acquiring a B.S. in speech at Northwestern University, lured here in part by a drama-voice scholarship.

Started at 16

She was stage-conscious even in her teens. At sixteen she appeared in the Equity production of the musical *Song of Norway*. She has also sung in Equity's *Chocolate Soldier* and the New York Company's production of "Rustic Chivalry" from *Cavalleria Rusticana*.



Miss Moran

Miss Moran is the founder and former head of the National Broadcasting Company's "Theatre Workshop," a group that produces new plays for evaluation and casting by television directors and sponsors. She has also acted on the NBC Network, Radio and TV.

Corrects Speech Problems

As a speech teacher, Miss Moran feels that she is making progress in correcting students' speech problems. She observed that "the foreign-born students seem to be the most conscientious."

Miss Moran sang in *The Messiah* at the Metropolitan Opera House last December, and performed in the *Bach B-Minor Mass* at Carnegie Hall last month.

She has appeared in various Broadway productions and has studied acting under Alfred Ryder, Kim Stanley's husband. She is now studying voice with a private teacher.

Quotes

Some people are so fond of ill-luck that they run half-way to meet it.
—Douglas Jerrold

Little things affect little minds.
—Benjamin Disraeli

Selfishness is the greatest curse of the human race.
—William E. Gladstone

There is no odor so bad as that which rises from goodness tainted.
—Henry David Thoreau

Responsibility is like a string we can only see the middle of. Both ends are out of sight.
—William McFee

Making English

Christopher Mante

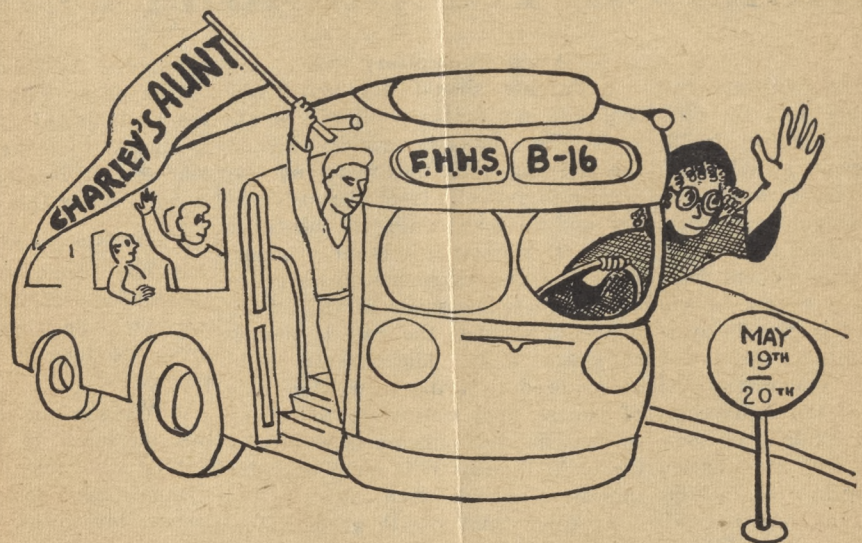
Long in vain I racked my brain
As I attempted to explain
Why commas I have put in place
Bring a frown to, teacher's face;
Why the dashes and colons galore—;
Usually wind up on the floor;
Why something that sounds good to me
Is really not as it should be;
Why the teacher marks so low;
Why the darned pen writes so slow:
Why, in painful sobs I tell,
I cannot write good English well.

The riddle now I have resolved
And soon the problem will be solved.
I think I'll learn to write real good,
To write like senior english should;
I'll check my work to find mistakes
No matter if a year it takes.
I'll try to write less clumsily
And let, the commas, be less free.
I'll do my best and soon you'll see
A kid what does not write like me.
There's just one favor I might ask—
That teacher take me not to task:
To make mistake is not so fine,
But, to, forgive, that, is, devine.

Spring Feverish

Jane Appel

I think that I shall never know
A thing as wonderful as snow:
Sweet snow that falls throughout the night,
And piles the earth with drifts of white;
Sweet snow that spells release from school,
And glistens like a precious jewel;
Sweet snow that means the sure cessation
Of all the modes of transportation:
Upon whose sparkling crust I gaze,
And marvel at kind nature's ways.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But snow from school can set me free.



Mario Buongiovanni

Overbored

By Glenn Collins

In these days of difficult courses of study, long hours in school, and lengthy written homework assignments, the tired student needs a change of scene. He needs the opportunity to rollick and play in Mother Nature's green fields, and to breathe in the glorious outdoor air.



Such an opportunity was provided recently for our Senior Class—the Senior Picnic.

It was held at verdant Clove Lake in historic Staten Island, overlooking the crystal clear ripples of the water hazard on the eleventh hole of the picturesque Silver Lake Golf Course.

Ah, Mother Nature...

Oh *what* a lovely day for a picnic! However, one look through sleep-starved eyes at the beautiful park made seniors forget all about the freezing winds, the threatening rain, the long trip, and even the unforgivably early hour. Then, lustily singing "Fair Hamilton," the seniors marched in double file up the steep hill to the picnic area, selected tables in an orderly fashion befitting seniors, and proclaimed to all onlookers that Fort Hamilton students are chivalrous, orderly, and mannerly.

Then, to lunch! It is just *impossible* to describe the taste of food burned over a roaring, billowing, choking blaze in the refreshing winds of the Great Outdoors! However, there was always the park restaurant for those who preferred food cooked over charcoal rather than coated with it.

Putting Knowledge to Work

The picnic served a greater purpose than just healthful enjoyment. Half-forgotten knowledge suddenly became useful and important. For instance, after wounds had been incurred playing co-ed basketball, we dimly remembered the voice of our First Aid teacher saying:

- (1) Apply pressure to the wound.
- (2) Wash the wound out with hot, clean water (not water from Clove Lake).
- (3) Call a doctor.

And, after a relaxing row on the serene waters of the lake, artificial respiration became very useful. There was also an important lesson in economics after seniors discovered how much they had been overcharged for soda.

It became late and we had to leave. All good things must come to end. So did the picnic after a relaxing two-hour wait in the traffic jam at the ferry.

In short, the value of the senior picnic was great. It made the students return to the old school grind happily and very, very gratefully.

Hamilton Olympics

Here is the recently compiled *Fort Hamilton High School Olympic Roll*, containing the record feats attained by students throughout this school's illustrious history.

TRAY LOADING. On April 5, 1952, Irving ("Irv") Vebble, 4B88, carried twelve milks, seventeen cupcakes, 37 Oreo cookies, 24 straws, and five bologna sandwiches to table H.

PAPER AIRPLANE DISTANCE. On January 15, 1957, Fred Z. Gubit, 5A15, threw a paper airplane made with 8½" by 11" lined three-hole paper a distance of 83 feet, 5.7 inches, from his seat in row Z to the top of the piano in the auditorium.

SCHOOLYARD DASH. Herman J. Durb, on June 2, 1959, traveled the distance from the 8th period First Aid to the bus in 42.3 seconds, losing four books on the way. This bettered the old record by 7.4 seconds and two books.



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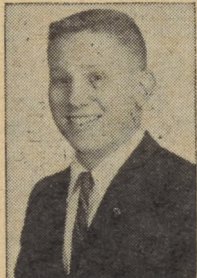
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By Richard Meltzer

During the twenty years that Fort Hamilton has been in existence it has fielded many varsity teams. Some were great, others near great, a few mediocre. However, every squad which displayed the Blue and White had one thing in common: a dedicated coach.

In order to qualify for the position of coach, a teacher must be proficient in his sport. Every varsity mentor in Fort Hamilton knows and loves his particular sport. Many were stars before they entered the teaching profession.

Coach Ptak

From January until June, Mr. Francis Ptak can be seen, either in the gym or on the field, putting the baseball team through its workout. Mr. Ptak, who starred in baseball for St. Bonaventure, works with the team five days a week. Early spring practice is used for reviewing the fundamentals of the game. As the season progresses, the coach works on each individual's flaws. Mr. Ptak is as much a part of each baseball game as the boys on the field.

Coach Kottmann

Very few Hamiltonites have not made the acquaintance of Mr. Joseph Kottmann, varsity track coach. Recently honored by the Catholic High School Athletic Association for his thirty years of coaching at St. Michaels High School, Mr. Kottmann holds two or three workouts a week for his Fort Hamilton athletes. By carefully timing, advising, and supervising the track team, he has helped innumerable runners become top performers.

Coach Kern

This year the Fort Hamilton golf team gained a new coach. Mr. Kenneth Kern has assumed control of the linksmen, who had accumulated a series of outstanding successes during

the eighteen years of Mr. John Matheson's mentoring. Mr. Kern, himself an outstanding golfer, is highly qualified to keep this team in contention for honors in the years to come.

Coach Cohen

Mr. Richard Cohen, known for his expert guidance of the soccer team, has switched to the handball courts for the spring. With the many hours of practice Mr. Cohen and his boys put in, they are definitely a team to be reckoned with in their league.

In addition to these men, Hamilton has three other fine coaches—Mr. Alfred Joltin, Mr. Harry Flaster and Mr. Robert Bedell—who coach, respectively, the tennis, bowling and rifle teams.

Space does not permit comment on all our coaches, so we have limited ourselves to writing about the men who guide the teams which are in the spotlight during the present term.

Spring Play

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when one girl's father, a widower, falls in love with the disguised chap-erone.

Arthur Dolan will take the important role of Jack. Other cast members will include Jeffrey Ayd, Stephen Kaufman, Denis Christiansen, Janette Gautier, Nancy Freitas, June Gaudio and Jocelyn Franz. Sarah Jordan will act as prompter; Anthony McTighe, stage manager.

Faculty Pitches In

Mr. Carl Makower, a member of the Art Department, is designing the stage sets, while Mr. John Matheson, chairman of the Shop Department, and Mr. Earl Jung, of the same department, are constructing the sets.

The program was designed by Kristina Winika, a sophomore, under the supervision of Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Art Department.

Mr. Eugene Sterne is in charge of ticket sales.

Tickets are now on sale in the English classes. The price is \$1.00, general admission only (no reserved seats).

A Good Clout!



Gordon Harvey slashes a single in the game with Adelphi. Hamilton won 10-3.

Bill Butos

Miss Monsen to Spark Girls' Gym Activities

By Rosemary Stachowiak

A new and dynamic chairman has been appointed to the Girls Health Education Department.

She is Miss Margaret Monsen, who came to this school as a teacher in 1956 partly because of her keen interest in a modern dance class. Now she is an appointed chairman, having passed a series of rigorous Board of Education examinations.

Miss Monsen has been busily engaged in planning a successful spring program. The trend has been from straight gymnastics to a more varied course. "We hope our present program will benefit students when they leave school," she said.

This energetic chairman has many exciting plans for the future. She wants to change the hygiene course to a one-term subject five periods a week. She also wants to stress better playing of games in class; and, by making use of the skills practiced during the winter months, make intramurals more competitive.

Would Extend Club Activities

Miss Monsen would also like to extend club activities to accommodate more students and thus make Hamilton girls eligible for the city trophies



Miss Monsen

"about which many students know little."

As for her own recreational activities, Miss Monsen is interested in dancing, gardening, decorating and traveling. "You name it and I do it," she laughed.

"In our department the teachers conduct an excellent program," she said. "The faculty and students are encouraged to work as a team. We can all be proud that our girls have one of the best and most varied programs in this city."

Coach Optimistic About City Title; Pitching Is Hot

By Robert Gillespie

"If we can't win the city championship this year, we probably never will."

These were the words of Coach Francis Ptak, veteran baseball mentor, who regards the present squad as one of the best all-around teams he has ever coached.

The Blue and White team already lived up to expectation by winning its first league game, defeating the defending league champs, Lafayette, 1-0. Captain Denis Murphy pitched a masterful two-hitter, and in the seventh inning, with a man on third, he slashed the ball over the pitcher's head to bring in the winning run.

Team Settles Down

After compiling a not too respectable 2-6 record in the exhibition circuit, the Hamilton nine settled down for the league competition. The Lafayette victory gave the team confidence, and a few days later John Jay fell victim to the powerful bats of Fort Hamilton, 5-4.

In their third league outing, the Blue and White nine squeezed out the powerful New Utrecht squad by a 2-1 score. Denis Murphy picked up his second league win to put Fort Hamilton in first place by one game.

Strong Pitching Staff

The nine is sparked by the presence of a number of returning veterans and a strong pitching staff. Murphy, in his fourth season with the Blue and White, is doing an outstanding job with his fast ball and knuckle ball. Frank DeLuca is a three year veteran who sports a powerful fast ball and a sharp curve. Both men have exceptional control.

The infield is composed of four sure fielders, including Karl Behnken at

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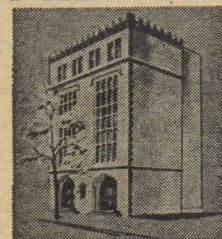
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16 Essayists Hope to Win In C.C. Contest

The essays of sixteen Hamiltonites have been entered in the annual prize essay competition of the New York Chamber of Commerce. Seventh through twelfth graders attending public and parochial schools throughout New York City were eligible to compete.

This year's topic was "The United States and the New Nations of the World."

Teachers Make Selections

English teachers, under the supervision of Mr. Jerome Carlin, chairman of the English Department, made up the reading committee which selected the four outstanding essays of each grade to represent our school.

Papers submitted by the following students were entered: Ninth year: Eileen P. Gallagher, Rosemarie Garvey, Elaine Peak, Barbara Tank. Tenth year: Joan Garner, Lorraine Guarino, Mary Ann Pinto, Charles Saydah.

Eleventh year: Susan Dunn, Susan C. Hirsch, Merry Lighthill, Jean Scott. Twelfth year: Margaret Ekstrom, Emily Paradise, Mildred Thomas, Martha Tunick.

Prizes to 4 Best

Final prizes to be awarded for the four best essays of each year are: first, \$35; second, \$25; third, \$15; fourth, \$10. A \$50 Series "E" Savings Bond will be awarded as an additional prize to the best high school essayist.

Chessmen Trim Mighty Tech Team

The afternoon of April 21 marked a milestone for the Fort Hamilton Chess Team. Their opposition was the undefeated Brooklyn Tech team.

Heavily favored Tech went home a loser that afternoon, and that defeat could keep the Engineers from the city chess title.

Victories by William Huntington, Joel Meyers, and Co-Capt. William Butos, in addition to a draw by Co-Capt. Martin Harswick, gave the Blue and White a 3½ to 1½ victory. The team is guided by Mr. Arnold Krinsky.

The division in which Fort Hamilton competes is composed of Curtis, Erasmus and Tech. This year the team defeated Curtis twice, bowed to Erasmus twice, and split with powerful Tech, for a respectable 3 and 3 record in league play.

R.C.A. Institute Counselor Stresses Science and Math

Good grades and an interest in mathematics and science are the fundamentals necessary for a good technician, Mr. Rudolph A. Welke, R.C.A. Institute career counselor, told students at a special career conference Wednesday, April 19, in room 108.

The Institute offers four courses in electronic technology for men and women: Advanced Electronics (T-3, 2½ years), Television and General Electronics (V-7, 1½ years), Radio and Television Servicing (V-3, 9 months) and a special course in Communication or Electronic Computers, mainly for women.

A preparatory course in mathematics, physics and English is offered for those who need additional high

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9 Scholarships Available

Nine full scholarships are available for the T-3 course. The best graduate of this course is sent to college by the Institute free of charge.

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Good grades are very important. "The top ten per cent are considered first and receive better pay," noted Mr. Welke.

Harry N. Ewald, a '54 alumnus of Fort Hamilton, graduated first in a class of 44 T-3 students, with a 92% average, and is now earning his B.E.E. degree at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Harry is a veteran of the U. S. Navy, where he achieved the rank of Electronic Technician 3rd Class.

Phone Calls

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be fairly obvious. In cases of *extreme emergency* the call will be given to the principal's secretary, Mrs. McEneaney, for proper handling. Please remember that she is under instructions to refuse any caller who will not state the nature of the emergency.

No Calls After 3:30

5. Please do not call the school after 3:30 P.M., as the switchboard is not covered after that time.

6. All written communications from the school should be answered in like manner, not by a telephone call. The first reason is that we have no way of knowing the real identity of the person who is calling; secondly, unless we attempt to write out a summary of each such call, we have no written record in the pupil's folder that might be referred to later. This is clearly the road to misunderstanding and sometimes bad feeling.

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osophy and anthropology. A college training similar to mine is, of course, required for all city high school teachers.

Such academic preparation could, obviously, have led to many different fields of work. To become a New York City high school teacher also requires (and many people are astounded to hear this) an all day written examination, an oral interview and speech test, an examination of your previous record, a class teaching test, and a probationary period of three years with repeated observation and supervision.

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Baseball

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first, Richard Prigge at second, Norman Remmen at short, and Gordon Harvey at third. Prigge and Remmen are quite adept at getting on base, while the power and RBI's are supplied by Harvey and Behnken.

3 Long-Ball Hitters

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